

District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

WEI BAI,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEJANDRO N. MAYORKAS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01196-RSM

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
August 27, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings for 60 days. Plaintiff brings this case pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking an order compelling U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to complete processing of his Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. This litigation was recently transferred to this District from the District of Columbia. *See* Dkt. No. 7. Good cause exists to hold this case in abeyance.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. On July 31, 2024, USCIS interviewed Plaintiff and issued a Request for Evidence (“RFE”). USCIS needs additional time to review the RFE response and then continue processing Plaintiff’s Form I-485. Accordingly, the parties request this Court to hold the case in abeyance until October 26, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before October 26, 2024.

DATED this 27th day of August, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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***I certify that this memorandum contains 245 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.***

**ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until October 26, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before October 26, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



**RICARDO S. MARTINEZ**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**